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6. Called Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, regarding the Case press release. Abshire said his office had learned of the release only today when they had made another one of their series of calls to the Senator offering to brief him in response to his letter to the Secretary of 8 October. Abshire said since receiving this letter he had repeatedly--at least seven times--offered to brief the Senator on a classified basis but for some reason the briefing had not come off. Abshire said the last occasion when he brought the matter up was New Years Eve, and Case's response at that time left the impression that Case had decided to drop the matter. Abshire feels that nothing more can be done at this stage.

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